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## Great Crusades Set

By C. Y. Dossey, Assistant Superintendent of Evangelism, Home Mission Board

The Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, after much prayer to God for spiritual direction and encouragement from pastors and leaders, is promoting two great simultaneous evangelistic crusades. These crusades are beyond anything Southern Baptists have ever before attempted.

The first crusade is for all churches west of the Mississippi River. The tentative date for this campaign is April 9-23, 1950. This crusade will include 9 states, 8,655 churches with 2,163,307 church members. Two state Executive Boards and the Superintendent of Evangelism or the State Secretary in each of the states have approved the date.

The second campaign is for all churches east of the Mississippi River. The tentative date is March 25-April 8, 1951. This crusade will include 11 states and the District of Columbia, with 18,109 churches and 4,107,512 members. It is suggested that the Superintendents of Evangelism or the State Secretaries of all states concerned get these dates approved as soon as possible by their state boards and state conventions.

In each case, the starting day is Easter Sunday. It has been found that Easter Sunday is a good day on which to start a great evangelistic crusade. Each association will be a unit in these two campaigns and will have its own director. In many cases, (Continued on Page Two)

## DR. G. EARL GUINN CHOSEN AS PREACHING PROFESSOR AT S'WESTERN SEMINARY

### SUCCEEDS DR. NORTHCUTT

Dr. G. Earl Guinn, for the past year, Tom Parker, principal, and four years pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bossier City, La., has been chosen as Associate Professor of Preaching at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, effective June 1. He will begin his teaching duties with the fall semester.

Dr. Guinn, who succeeds Dr. Jesse Northcutt in the preaching professorship, holds the A. B. degree from Louisiana College, (1937) and the Th.M. 1942 and Th.D. (1944) degrees from the New Orleans Baptist Seminary. He did major work in the field of New Testament Church History and Old Testament Interpretation. He studied at Southwestern during the 1938-39 session. His work since 1934 has been given over to various pastorates. He has a wife and one daughter, age 10.

## Intensive Relief Urged For Europe

By Dr. J. D. Franks, European Representative, Foreign Mission Board

On June 1st, under appointment of the Foreign Mission Board, I began my services as the European representative of the Southern Baptist Relief Committee, with headquarters in Geneva. The program of relief and reconstruction in Europe which has been promoted by many churches and other voluntary agencies since the close of the war continues to be of great urgency and importance.

Up to now this vast program has been largely an effort to supply the primary physical and material needs of the people, such as food, clothing, shoes, bedding, medicines, etc. That kind of need will continue for a long time and will have to be met if the people are to survive. Everyone sees, however, particularly the Christian leaders, that the time has arrived when special emphasis and attention must be given to the spiritual rehabilitation. (Continued on Page Two)

## CRITICIZE CLAIM BIBLE IS CATHOLIC BOOK

DANVILLE, Va. —(RNS)— Members of the Danville Ministers Association (Protestant) have adopted resolutions in which they "deplore" the publication of an advertisement captioned "The Bible is a Catholic Book."

The advertisement, prepared by the Catholic Information Society, appeared in local newspapers. The advertisement said, in part:

"Yes, the Bible is truly a Catholic book. They were members of the Catholic Church who, under God's inspiration, wrote the New Testament in its entirety. It was the Catholic Church which treasured it and gave it to the world in its original and unaltered form. It is the infallible authority of the Catholic Church that always has been the only sure guarantee of its inspiration."

The resolution adopted by the Protestant clergymen reads, in part, as follows:

"We, the Danville Ministers Association, deplore the publication by the Roman Catholic Church of certain statements which are not historically verifiable. . . We feel that such incorrect statements will only lead to further division of the forces of Christ and can serve no useful end."

The resolution was offered by a Baptist minister and seconded by another clergyman of the same denomination. Nineteen of the 22 members present voted, and all 19 voted for it.

Editor's Note: Mississippi Baptists feel the same way. Several readers have written concerning the matter.

## Spain Denies Religious Liberty Now Exists

### Protestants Only Tolerated

(Editor's Note: The article below is printed to show how the Catholics practice religious liberty where they are in the majority.)

Madrid —(RNS)— Liberty of cults does not exist in Spain, despite the claims of "some Protestants," the Spanish hierarchy declared in a point statement addressed to all Spanish Catholics and intended as a warning against the proselytizing activities of non-Catholics. The document was signed by Enrique Cardinal Play Deniel, Primate of Spain, on behalf of all the Spanish archbishops and bishops.

The statement dealt largely with Article 6 of the law of 1945, called the "Fuero de los Espanoles," which states: "The profession and practice of the Catholic religion, which is that of the Spanish state, will have official protection. No one will be molested for his religious beliefs, or in the private practice of his religion. No external ceremonies or manifestations other than those of the Catholic religion shall be permitted."

Quoting from the Encyclical on Human Liberty issued by Pope Leo XIII in 1893, the bishops told Spanish Catholics "the faithful are not free to adhere to any Church," but "have a most sacred duty to be— (Continued on Page Two)

## SOUTHERN BAPTIST RELIEF AIDS CHINESE REFUGEES

### First Aid To Those Who Lost All—Thousands Still In Need

SHANGHAI, China — Elaborate plans are being made by the "Enlarged University Relief Committee" of the University of Shanghai to sort store and distribute the 100 bales of clothing received from the Southern Baptist Relief Center, according to Dr. Henry H. Lin, president of the university.

"Our first aim will be the relief of the refugee workers, about 60 in number, who are employed on our bunding project. These refugees are from the war areas who have fled from their homes leaving their belongings behind. They now stay in sheds made of tree branches and dry grass and are in rags. Hundreds of such refugees are to be found in the Yangtzepoo district around our Social Center," the Chinese leader stated.

"With a view to bringing about the speediest and most efficient way of sorting and distribution, my wife and I have joined with other volunteers from our faculty members and their families on the campus to open the bales and help classify (Continued on Page Two)

## Much Interest Shown In Billboard Program July Poster Shows Liberty Founded On The Grand Old Book

The Baptist billboard posting program, originating in Memphis, Tenn., in January, and now in use in many cities throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, goes into its seventh month, with a colorful, pictorial poster on the subject of "Liberty".

The July poster boldly presents liberty founded upon the Grand Old Book. Upon opposite pages of a huge open Bible are two dynamic phrases that stand as the epitome of all scriptures, "Sin Enslaves Christ Liberates". Beneath the Bible is the motivating challenge to self-determination, "Make the Wise Choice—Christ".

Lawson H. Cooke, executive secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, says "an avalanche of requests from pastors and laymen from all sections of the convention area poured across the desk of the Baptist Brotherhood booth, and in a

steady stream, the requests for information have continued to come into both the Brotherhood office in Memphis and into the state Brotherhood offices".

This is a program with four distinct phases, billboards, display cards, small blotters for personal work, and automobile license frames and display cards. The creation of all materials used in the program is under the supervision of a committee of pastors and laymen with a south-wide viewpoint, and produced by the Cummings Advertising Company, of Memphis, Tenn.

The entire program is available to any Baptist church or group of Baptist churches, by writing the Brotherhood secretary of your state, or Baptist Brotherhood of the South Commerce Title Bldg., Memphis, Tenn., or Cummings Advertising Co 158 Madison Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

EVERY WEEK IS BAPTIST RECORD WEEK -- OUR AIM 62,000



## SPAIN DENIES RELIGIOUS

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long to the only true Church founded by Christ." They pointed out that Leo XIII had clearly taught that liberty of cults cannot be defended, although in certain cases and circumstances "a toleration of cults may exist."

However, in conformity with the principles taught by His Holiness Leo XIII, toleration in Spain was reduced to the limits to which it ought to be reduced. . . the recognition of private cults, but without permission for external manifestations."

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## INTENSIVE RELIEF

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litation of Europe's distressed millions. From here on out every contribution made by Christian people should carry a definite spiritual meaning. The personal and religious element should now be added in a very positive way. Impersonal giving of impersonal, material gifts may stop hunger and meet other physical needs, but it will not satisfy the deep longings of the hearts of the people.

In my services as your representative in Europe I shall seek in every way possible to make Southern Baptist contributions, whether in money or material supplies, carry a positive spiritual meaning, and that with the Southern Baptist interpretation.

Therefore write me personally about any special cause in which you may be interested. I shall be happy to give personal attention to any inquiry and offer of assistance from any one.

Address — J. D. Franks,  
78, Rue de Montchoisy.

Cable address :  
"Sobareco" Geneva.

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## SOUTHERN BAPTIST

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them. When I witness in person the immense quantity of clothing that the American people have given away individually to help people in foreign lands, I cannot help being deeply impressed by their generosity and spirit of universal love. On behalf of my fellow countrymen, I want to take this opportunity to express our sincerest appreciation and grateful acknowledgment."

Many thousands of persons in Europe as well as Asia are still looking to Southern Baptists for the bare necessities of life. All types of clothing, bedding and shoes are needed. Send a package per month to the Southern Baptist Relief Center, 718 Richard street, New Orleans. Send cash contributions to purchase vitamins, food and medicines and to pay necessary overseas transportation costs through your church to the Relief Committee of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

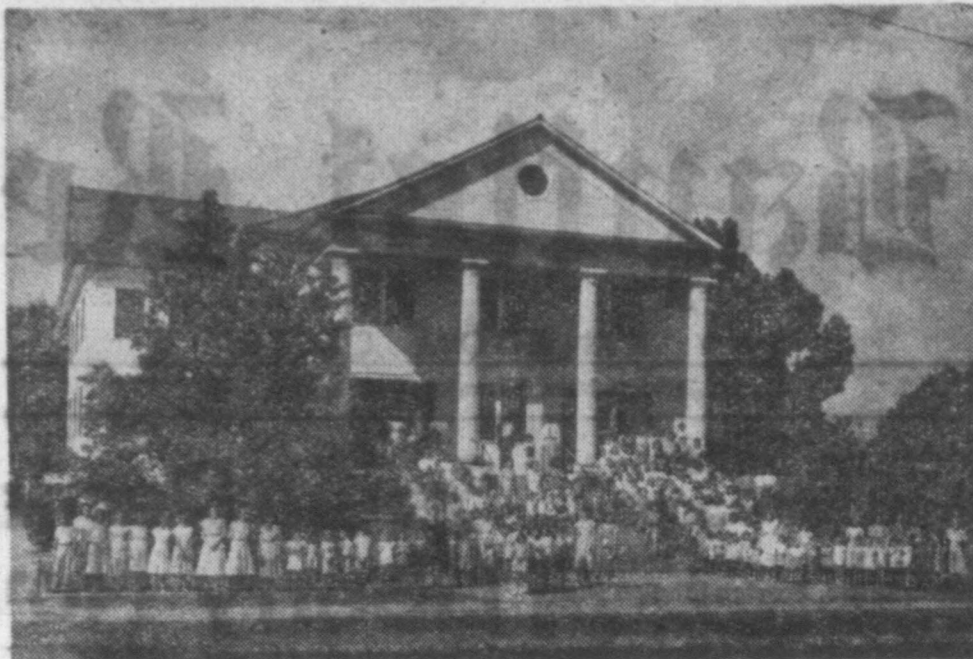
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## CALENDAR OF PRAYER

Issue July 1

- July 5 — Dr. G. F. Barnes, Professor of Physics, Mississippi College.
- July 6 — W.M.U., Camp Garaywa.
- July 7 — Mrs. R. E. Covington, District VI, WMU Chairman.
- July 8 — Mrs. J. E. Leavell, Dean of Students, Blue Mountain.
- July 9 — Miss Merle Walley, Editorial staff Baptist Record.
- July 10 — Miss Susie Lee Rogers, Teacher, Baptist Orphanage.
- July 11 — Fred W. Davis, Lee County Training Union Director.

## Picayune, First Baptist, Has Excellent VBS



## 40 &amp; 25 Years Ago

By J. L. Boyd, Sr.  
40 YEARS AGO

The announcement is made that the enrollment at Blue Mountain the previous session was 555, "and practically as many more wished to come, but could not get room."

Pastor E. D. Solomon of Clarksdale reported a great meeting recently at El Paso, Texas, in which he assisted; 50 additions.

Dr. W. A. Hewitt, pastor of the First church, Columbus, conducted the funeral of Gen. Stephen D. Lee.

Seventeen children of the Baptist Orphanage finished Sunday School Normal Course No. 1 of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Teacher Training series.

## 25 YEARS AGO

Pastor J. L. Hughes reports that Rev. Boyce Taylor of Murray, Ky., would assist in their revival meeting at Bay Springs.

Pastor R. L. Wallace announces that Rev. Madison Flowers would assist in a meeting at Pelahatchie.

Pastor J. E. Cranford at Overt was assisted in their meeting by Rev. Bryan Simmons. Six additions, four for baptism.

Pastor J. E. Kinsey of Merigold writes of a good meeting with the Baptist church there with Rev. W. A. Jordan of New Orleans assisting. Thirty-three additions, fourteen for baptism.

## DR. GLEN E. WILEY TO LEAD REVIVAL AT LOUIN CHURCH

By R. E. Gardner, Church Clerk

Dr. Glen E. Wiley, Pastor First Church, Grenada, Mississippi, will preach in our revival meeting beginning Sunday night, July 4 through July 9.

Dr. Wiley is a great pastor and preacher. Rev. C. I. Edge, Pastor Louin Baptist Church is extending the public a cordial invitation to attend these services.

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## Pecan Grove Gains

The Pecan Grove Baptist church near Ellisville, has received 30 members since the coming of Pastor W. T. Johnson on March 1. Of these 23 were for baptism. Rev. Mr. Johnson was formerly at the Harmony church in Pearl River county.

Rev. J. F. Brantley of Richton was the guest preacher at the recent revival, which was the best in years, according to the reports. Twenty two during the meeting, 15 of them for baptism and the church was greatly helped.

The Vacation Bible School of the First Baptist church at Picayune had an average attendance of 255 out of 260 enrolment, setting a high record for efficiency. The offering, \$50.89, was sent to the cooperative program.

The following faculty did outstanding work: Lr. O. P. Estes, past-the following department leaders: Miss Sherra Neil Cox, Miss Dorothy Estes, Mrs. Tom Parker, Mrs. Floren Seal, Mrs. B. Whitfield, Mrs. O. P. Estes, and Mrs. R. B. Jones. In addition to these there were 36 additional workers.

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## GREAT CRUSADES SET

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the pastors will do their own preaching, but the pastors east of the Mississippi River can help the pastors during the Western Campaign, and the Western pastors can return the favor during the Eastern Campaign the following year.

It is urged that all our various organizations, both South-wide and state-wide, take notice of these two important dates and give them a clear field.

It will be a tremendous task to campaign west of the Mississippi in marshalling 8,655 churches into one great campaign west of the Mississippi River in 1950 and 18,109 churches in the campaign east of the Mississippi in 1951. The Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board requests the prayers and cooperation of every denominational leader, pastor, and church member for these two great campaigns. Nothing like this has ever before been undertaken in the Christian world.

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## Mail It Friday

The Baptist Building will be closed on Monday, July 5, and by order of the Executive Committee, no mail will be taken from the post office. This warning is given that people having news items and articles will send them in time to arrive by Saturday morning. Otherwise, such articles may not appear in the issue of July 8.

Mail not received by Saturday morning will not be received until Tuesday morning and there is only two hours between receipt of the mail and the completion of the work for the Baptist Record, which is printed on Tuesday afternoon and evening.

In this instance, send your material at once or else be prepared for a one week delay.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

June 27, 1948

Hattiesburg, Main Street	681	264
Crystal Springs	608	126
New Albany	475	171
New Albany including Northside Mission	522	193
Bruce	208	66
Zion Hill, Copiah County	55	40
Jackson, Elaine	140	67
Jackson, Northside	378	125
Jackson, Van Winkle	472	270
Byram, Hinds County	141	92
Jackson, Calvary	1100	240
Jackson, Calvary including Stone St. Mission	1143	268
Jackson, First	1055	300
Jackson, Parkway	608	183
Parkway Chapel	52	20
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	242	78
Murphy Creek, Winston County	110	50
Mantee	117	40
Laurel, West	427	112
Laurel, First	529	129
Laurel, Second Avenue	392	111
Oak Grove, Calhoun County	79	69
Cross Roads, Webster County	111	75
East McComb	520	262
Columbus, First	693	175
Mt. Vernon, Leflore County	101	129
Booneville, First	269	122
Friendship, Pike County	206	102
Calvary, Pike County	90	102
Carmel, Lawrence County	125	130
Centreville	165	48
Pleasant Valley, Simpson County	129	
Laurel, Beacon	202	82
Soso	138	70
Holly Springs, Lincoln County	51	47
Popular Springs, Simpson County	115	
Darling	62	25
Houlka	92	36
Corinth, Tate Street	247	61
Wallerville	125	53
Zion, Pontotoc County	89	68
Providence, Forrest County	158	110
Pascagoula, First	485	160
Mt. Vernon Holmes County	24	18
New Prospect, DeSoto County	81	85
Chalybeate	87	36
Lucedale	242	95
Long Creek, Lauderdale County	117	83
Gulfport, First	444	144
Cherry Creek, Pontotoc County	84	44
Jackson, Davis Memorial	268	84
June 20, 1948		
Bethlehem, Jones County	116	80
Pascagoula, First	528	157
Mantee	118	34
Hattiesburg, Main Street	688	257
Gulfport, First	480	120
Brooklyn	103	43
Stringer	51	
Hebron, Jones County	84	82
Corinth, Tate Street	246	58
Soso	97	67
Tucker's Crossing, Jones County	66	40
Laurel, Beacon	182	78
Cross Roads, Webster County	87	43
Rocky Springs, Yazoo County	26	
Zion, Pontotoc County	57	42
Providence, Forrest County	149	95
Long Creek, Lauderdale County	92	92
Friendship, Pike County	186	92
New Zion, Copiah County	90	60
Oloh, Marion County	91	84
Paynes, Tallahatchie County	126	44
Pleasant Valley, Simpson County	98	109
Cherry Creek, Pontotoc County	70	33
Laurel, South	88	56
Houlka, Chickasaw County	79	29
Chalybeate	67	36
Mt. Vernon, Leflore County	75	80

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## ZION HILL HAS VBS

The Zion Hill Church in Pearl River association held its Vacation Bible School with an average enrollment of 35. A good spirit characterized the school. Pastor T. E. Lee of Newton assisted Mrs. Mack Spiers who served as principal.

Members rejoice over the good work done in the school.



# Mississippi Baptists—Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary, Phones 4-6384 and 3-2476 Baptist Building, Jackson Mississippi. Home Phone 3581 Clinton Mississippi.

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Jesus in Matthew 7:12

## I

The ability to co-operate is a test of sanity. Co-operation is also a mark of spirituality and a mark of culture. "We then as workers together," II Corinthians 6:1. That is scriptural co-operation. In Revelation, chapters 4 and 5, we see co-operation in worship in heavenly places. If co-operation is to be an experience in Heaven, certainly Christians should learn the ABC's of it down here. In Matthew 10 and Luke 10, we have co-operation in service with Jesus, directing it. In I Corinthians 16:1-2 we have co-operation in giving on the part of Christ and New Testament churches.

On page 59 in the Mississippi Baptist Annual, we see the growth in loyalty and co-operation in financial support in Kingdom causes by Mississippi Baptists through the Co-operative Program in our five best years as follows:

1947	-----	\$682,520.66
1946	-----	559,163.74
1945	-----	533,150.74
1944	-----	377,059.70
1925	-----	330,057.42

## II

Rev. Joe T. Odle, Gulfport, Relief and Annuity Board member from Mississippi, is helping in a fine way in the promotion of the Widow's Supplemental Plan and all related work. We hope our pastors and churches will cooperate in the fullest in the Retirement Plan and in the relief offering. The press right now, however, is in getting enough eligible pastors to enter the Widow's Supplemental Plan that it may become effective by July 1, this year. It is not too late to send in your application. If you need blanks, write us.

## III

We met with the Radio Committee and Negro Seminary Executive Committee. You will hear from these meetings through their respective officers.

We have not used the airplane so much the last six months simply because that new automobile moves along so smoothly, swiftly, silently, and surely we have been going places for Christ in it. However, on a long, hard trip the airplane helps tremendously. We flew up to Nashville for a two day session of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. Those in the meeting were serious minded, fine spirited, and spiritual. It very much reminded us of our own Executive Committee meetings or the usual Board meeting. The Southern Baptist Convention slogan, "Every Baptist A Tither," was emphasized. Another slogan, "That The World May Know," was also presented with enthusiasm.

Enlistment Day, October 17, was re-announced. We plan to furnish the churches enlistment cards for use on this day. It is also the recommended plan that the state office furnish free Dr. Dillard's booklet for church wide study in September and October.

Some years ago at Ridgecrest we heard Dr. W. O. Carver state that only five cents out of every dollar given to all Baptist churches and denominational causes actually went to Foreign Mission work. We heard at this Executive Committee meeting that eight cents out of every dollar given all causes reach the Foreign Mission fields. That means we are getting better, but we still have a long way to go in efforts at world evangelization. Many people do not understand the reason for this situation. The first reason is that the churches keep too large a percentage for their own local work. For instance, we heard of one large church keeping 90 percent of its total income for its own work. That leaves only ten cents out of every dollar from that church for associational missions, state missions, world missions, seminaries, colleges, and other causes. Probably not over one cent of each dol-

lar from this church reaches the Foreign Mission field. This is the first thing that pulls down the average. Several hundred churches over the southland do not even give the one cent to Foreign Missions. That pulls down the average still further. The second thing that keeps down the average is that a great deal of money goes to institutions and agencies such as orphanages, colleges, hospitals, seminaries, and such like in the states and throughout the southland.

The last time we figured this matter for Mississippi, which was some months ago, right at eighteen cents out of every Co-operative Program dollar actually reached the Foreign Mission field. Therefore, one way to increase contributions is to give more largely through the Co-operative Program. That will help raise the eight cents out of every dollar to eighteen cents out of every dollar actually reaching the Foreign Mission field. Still another way is to designate money for Foreign Missions. Over 90c of each designated dollar for Foreign Missions actually reach Foreign Mission fields. The only thing, so far as we know, taken out of a designated Foreign Mission dollar before it reaches the Foreign field is the so-called overhead of the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Virginia. Such legitimate overhead is an absolute necessity in any business.

We enjoyed being the guest of the Sunday School Board for the noon meal while at Nashville.

## IV

With Brother A. L. Gross of South Carolina as a good air passenger, we flew over beautiful, mountainous terrain through Knoxville to Ashford and Black Mountain for a brief visit to Ridgecrest. This was an enjoyable visit as always.

With Scotchie, Jr., as a passenger, we flew Mount Mitchell — a thrilling experience.

We then stopped by Greenville, South Carolina, for a brief visit at the Evangelistic Conference at Bob Jones University. This brought inspiration, reminding us very much of our own Evangelistic Conference which we think the greatest meeting of the year.

Tuesday evening we were with the Ministerial Association at Mississippi College. To us this is always a fine group. Their questions and problems centered around visitation, full time churches, and soul winning.

## V

His many friends will be glad to know that Scotchie, Jr. answered the call to the ministry of the Gospel last spring and in April preached his first sermon in a street meeting at Hartwell, Georgia. The Lord blessed the message with a profession of faith. The mayor of the city, along with others, were reported as being particularly courteous which we greatly appreciate.

## VI

We have just received word from Miss Nannie B. Davis of the home going of Mrs. V. L. Davis, Cordoba, Argentina. The sympathy and prayers of multitudes will go out in remembrance of the family. Psalm 23. John 14. We spent a few days in their lovely home on our trip to South America.

## VII

We are delighted that the next meeting of our State secretaries in annual session will be held with us at the Edgewater Gulf Hotel, Edgewater Park, Mississippi, February 15-17, 1949. The State secretaries, as well as Southwide workers, will make their own reservations directly with the hotel giving date of arrival and date of departure.

## VIII

Sometime ago the pastor of one of our larger churches in this state told us he belonged to something of a club or organization of preachers banded to-

gether for the purpose of promoting one another for the purpose of getting pastorates. To us this seems very regrettable. It tends to enshrine selfishness, rules out the Holy Spirit, makes for class distinction and clashes within the ranks of our fellowship.

## IX

One of the best messages God has given us has been on the word, "Go." We have delivered it verbally and also published it in tract form. This tract has had wide distribution. The more we study the Bible, the more the meaning of this little word "Go" grows upon us.

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:5-6.

Be saved. Know you are saved. Tell it. That makes of one a soul winner.

Pray. Weep. Go. These three things are involved in soul winning.

Soul winning is not a question of who we are as to race, church, physical characteristics, education, but is a matter of God's people going. "He that goeth forth." People who really care will care about results. A good businessman cares about results. A good housekeeper cares about results. A soul winner also cares about results. A fisherman does not start down the street saying, "If I see a fish, I will catch him." He goes where the fish are. A soul winner will not say, "If I happen to see someone today, I will speak to him." On the other hand, a soul winner will go where lost people are.

Lost people do not come to church very much today because the church does not go very much after lost people. In the last verses of Matthew 28, Jesus told His disciples then and now to go. God wants some walkers and weepers and workers! This is not to be an empty going. We are to bear precious seed. In Matthew 13 Jesus tells us that the good seed is the Word. God everywhere promises to bless His word. Isaiah 55. He does not promise to bless our words. In truth in speaking of carnal men "Their throat is an open sepulchre;" and "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness." Romans 3:13-14. He does promise to bless His Word. He promises that the bearer of His Word shall bring his sheaves with him! That is our task!

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## Whitten New Editor Hernando Newspaper

News has been received that Rev. M. C. Whitten has purchased the Times-Promoter, the Hernando newspaper, and will serve as editor in the future. Associated with him will be his son who is a journalism major at "Ole Miss." Mrs. Whitten will serve as society editor of the paper.

In his initial editorial Editor Whitten sets forth that he believes the power of the printed page is one of the greatest media for doing good known to mankind, and dedicates the columns of the paper to that end. He states that he will continue serving as pastor of a group of rural churches. He has resigned as pastor of the Hernando church. The Whittens have bought a home in the town.

His friends will wish for him success in the new venture.

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It is a sad commentary on Christians that so many of them who have enrolled in the school of Christ have tried so little to learn the lessons which the Master would teach. . . J. E. Lambdin in The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

## Olive Church Makes Progress, Pastor Wears Joseph's Coat



REV. W. O. LITTLEJOHN



WORKERS, OLIVE CHURCH

Olive Church, Route 2, Lumberton, is making much progress under the leadership of Pastor W. O. Littlejohn.

Among the improvements that have been made in the past few months are: sending the Baptist Record to every church home, putting on a new roof, redecorating the interior of the church, adding Sunday School rooms, and installing a gas heating system.

Every two weeks, the pastor prepares and sends out over 100 church programs. There have been 7 additions to the church; 2 by baptism, and 6 additional deacons have been ordained.

Shown above in the group picture are the following: left to right, front row, Deacon Charley Byrd, Rev. W. O. Littlejohn, Deacon J. J. Ladner; second row, Marvin Strahan, Grady Brown, Earl Garrette, Dave Barrett.

Also shown above is pastor Littlejohn wearing the "Joseph's Coat." Five hundred different patches were used on the coat, which is a means of collecting contributions to build a baptistry. Each patch represent a pocket, and each contribution of \$1.00 will be placed in a pocket. Already they have collected \$300 of the \$500 needed.

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Rev. Wm. P. Travis pastor Holland dale church, has received the following communication from the War Department: "By direction of the President of the United States you are promoted in the Officers' Reserve Corps, Army of the United States, effective June 3, 1948, to the grade of Major, Chaplain. By order of the Secretary of the Army. Edward F. Witzell, Major General, The Adjutant General."



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## Why It Wasn't Printed

On Wednesday morning the Baptist Record usually receives several cards giving the Sunday school and BTU attendances for the past Sunday. As the Baptist Record is printed on Tuesday night, those received Wednesday morning are too late for that week.

Most of those received on Wednesday morning are postmarked Tuesday although a few are postmarked on Monday. The Postoffice department may be to blame for those mailed on Monday, but those mailed Tuesday, just don't have time to get here by Tuesday morning!

And each week the Baptist Record receives some attendance figures with the name of some person attached but without the church name. And a few come with the church name but without the name of the sender. In either case, we cannot use such information.

It will help the Baptist Record and avoid delay if the following suggestions are observed:

1. Mail Sunday School and Training Union attendance on Sunday night or early Monday.

2. Sign the senders name.

3. Give the name of the church.

The Baptist Record urges every church to send its attendance figures whether large or small. People are interested in them.

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## An Encore

The editorial on "Revival Ethics" apparently struck a responsive chord. We are seeking to oblige by discussing these matters just a little more this week.

The visiting preacher's place of entertainment on the field where he is holding a meeting is a matter of interest. Some places use the plan of having the visitor stay each night in a different place. If that is the best they can do, no one would feel rebellious about this hospitality. However, a preacher can do better work in a community if the church places him

where he will be the most comfortable. He needs rest and quiet at night in order to do his best the next day. If possible the church should arrange for the visiting preacher to spend every night at the same place.

We feel it is well that the visiting preacher be "available" to the people any time during the revival. He is there to serve, and if anyone has a spiritual problem, he should be willing to give that one time, day or night. We believe 99 per cent of the ministers who hold revivals do it because they love the Lord and the people, therefore they are always anxious to talk with any help anyone.

Many times the visitor is placed at the pastor's home. This has good points and bad points. We are inclined toward the idea that perhaps if the evangelist could be quartered at a hotel or nearby home it would be even better. The pastor could be with him then whenever he desired, and the pastor's wife would be freer to do more visiting and help in the revival since she did not have extra "company" at home. These matters particularly concern the smaller churches, for most large churches do secure rooms for the visiting workers where they are available for folks to see at any time.

This is not a matter of what is right or wrong, however. We want it clearly understood that every church should do what is best for its own work, and let the visiting preacher know in advance so he can come prepared for their plans. Preachers are anxious to cooperate.

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## The Last Link

.. The Relief and Annuity Board has provided the last link in the chain of security for the minister and his family.

The Minister's Retirement Plan which came into existence a few years ago provided a method whereby the minister, with the assistance of his church and the denomination, could lay up funds to provide a retirement income in case he found it necessary to retire at age sixty-five or after. This plan also provided for a permanent disability income should he become disabled before sixty-five, for the payment of his accumulated credits in the event of his death before retirement, and for an optional annuity for his wife if she outlived him after his retirement.

From the very beginning the Board realized that, as good as the plan was, there was one other provision that was needed, name-

ly, an income for the widow in the event of the minister's death before retirement. The plan provided for the lump sum payment of his accumulated funds, but often this would be only a few hundred dollars. Continued study was made of this need and three years ago the Board introduced the Widow's Supplementary Annuity Plan which does provide an income for the minister's widow. This completes the program of protection. This plan was made effective in a state as soon as two-thirds of the members of the Retirement Plan accepted it and is already in force in more than two-thirds of the states. It has also been made available to all denominational workers in all the states.

We sincerely believe that this is one of the finest things that has been offered by the Relief and Annuity Board. For a payment of only one and one-half percent (in addition to the three percent for the retirement plan) the minister provides for his wife an income ranging from ten per cent of his salary the second year his participation to twenty percent the seventh year and afterward. This means that if a pastor's salary is \$3,000.00 and he dies seven years after he enters the plan, his widow will receive \$50.00 per month for life or until she marries again. If she does marry again she is guaranteed to receive the full amount of the money her husband had paid into the retirement plan. For this protection of \$50.00 per month her husband will have paid in seven years a total of \$315.00.

In other words she would receive in the first year almost twice as much as had been paid for the protection and if she lives several years she will receive many times that. If he died during the second year of his membership in the plan, she would receive \$300.00 per year. That would be the return on a payment totaling less than \$100.00. No insurance company offers such protection at such low cost, yet it is actually sound because it is connected with the retirement Plan.

Even though this is one of the most attractive plans ever offered Southern Baptist ministers, it is not yet available to Mississippi Baptist ministers because not enough of our ministers have signed up for it. The requirement is for two-thirds of the ministers in the Retirement Plan to enter this. Nearly one hundred and fifty of our men have signed up, but between forty and fifty more are needed. If they will enter the plan now it can become effective as of July 1.

It seems to us that every pastor

would jump at the opportunity of securing this protection for his wife and family. Certainly it is not all that she needs, but it is a wonderful protection for the amount invested. We suggest that every pastor in the Retirement Plan who has not applied for this write to Dr. McCall for an application blank today.

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## Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—  
Editor.

### GUEST CHRISTIANS

"A guest Christian is one who waits until all the work has been done and then steps into enjoy the blessings of that labor. He receives while others give. . . others may serve the Lord with gladness; others may pay the bills to keep the church functioning; others may sacrifice to worship each week; but they congratulate themselves on getting by without exertion of any kind. They are guests enjoying the fruits and labors of others. . . . People who depend on the church for the religious and moral instructions of their children should support the church both by their presence and means. Otherwise they become guests, enjoying what others provide, but failing to help in any way. . . . Guest Christians only attend church on special occasions and contribute only when special services are rendered. The rest of the time they receive the benefits of that church without giving to its support in any way. Jesus intended that everyone should place God's kingdom first. He expected those Christianity to assume a share in its obligations as well. He expected His disciples to make some sacrifices to pray, "Not my will, but Thine be done", and to follow His attitude toward the Father and toward other people. But alas, many want the blessings of discipleship without paying the price of discipleship. His Kingdom needs not guests, but workers, if this is to become a better world."—Western Recorder.

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## Byram Church Dedicated VB School Enrolls 160

"The Byram Baptist Church closed one of its best Bible Schools in its history on June 25. There were 160 enrolled with an average attendance of 116.

The success of the school was made possible by the faithful and loyal work of the following workers; Mrs. J. E. Foshee, Mrs. J. E. Magee, Mrs. John Renaud, Mrs. Sim Alford, Mrs. R. A. Kyle, Mrs. J. W. McClullough, Mrs. J. C. Cutrer, Mrs. H. J. Bennett, Mrs. Hubert Lynch, Mr. Taylor Upchurch, Mr. R. A. Kyle, and Mr. John Renaud. There were others that helped part time!

"The Byram Church also rejoices because of the progress the past year. The new church building is complete and debt free. The dedication program on Sunday June 27, was enjoyed by all." Rev. Henry J. Bennett is pastor.



## -- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson  
Young People's Sec'y. — Miss Nell Taylor

# Missions Conference

For W. M. S. (Including B. W. C.)

RIDGECREST — July 29-August 4

Commencing with the night session on Thursday, July 29th, and closing with the night session on Wednesday, August 4, Woman's Missionary Union will hold its annual summer conference. Reservations for rooms at Ridgecrest for this week are to be made through your State W. M. U. Office. We have 61 spaces, already about half of those are filled. A chartered bus will leave the Baptist Building in Jackson on the morning of July 27th — reservations for space on the bus are also made with the W. M. U. Office, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

### Speakers and Conference leaders

Mrs. George R. Martin, President Woman's Missionary Union will direct the conference. She will be assisted by Misses Hunt and Bruce, newly elected Executive Secretary and Young People's Secretary. The Bible Hour will be led by Dr. W. O. Carver. Vespers will be conducted by Mrs. Dawson. Many women home and foreign missionaries will participate actively in the various conferences and classes and as featured speakers. There will be a special conference for Business Woman's Circle members and for the leaders of each grade of W. M. U. young people.

### SOMETHING NEW

#### Royal Service New Appearance

Your July issue of Royal Service has color, style, appearance as well as content! Tell others about it and share yours with someone who does not have a copy. Be sure and read it from front to back to find all of the new features.

#### SEVENTH-EIGHT GRADUATE FROM W. M. U. TRAINING SCHOOL

At the forty-first annual Commencement of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, degrees were conferred upon eight students from Mississippi. These graduates were Misses Maxie King, Grace Lovelace, and Edna Earle Poyner; Mesdames Henning Andrews, Wade Armstrong, John Hasel, R. F. Kenney, and Fuller Saunders.

Commencement exercises for the seventy-eight members of the class of 1948 were held in Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial Chapel. Mrs. M. P. German of Washington, D. C., a member of the School's Board of Trustees, spoke on the subject, "For Such a Time as This." Dr. Carrie U. Littlejohn, President, presented the diplomas to the graduates. Earlier in the day, the seniors and their guests attended the Commencement Luncheon held in their honor.

The traditional Vesper Service was held in the chapel. Miss Kate Ellen Gruver, alumna of the Training School and missionary to Palestine, spoke following the induction of the class of 1948 into the Alumnae Association. Twenty-nine stars were added to the School's service flag to represent former students who have begun work on some foreign mission field since last Commencement. At the close of the service, the rising senior class knelt

before the graduates to receive garlands symbolic of their entering upon new privileges and responsibilities.

These activities climaxed the Training School's forty-first session, during which 204 students were enrolled. 14 of this year's student body have already received appointment from the Foreign Mission Board to serve overseas; other graduates will enter various fields of service here at home.

—JOHNNI JOHNSON, '49, Kentucky  
NIGERIAN W. M. U.

(In a recent letter from one of our missionaries in Nigeria, Africa she tells some interesting things concerning the W. M. U. there.)

1949 will be the Centennial of Baptist work in Nigeria. The Nigerian W. M. U. has set as goals 1,000 souls to Christ; 1,000 new Bible readers. The women have classes to learn to read and 1,000 new tithers. Each Association is taking 50 as its goal. The financial goal for 1949 will be \$4,000 which will also be apportioned among the Associations. This money goes to the Orphans' home, scholarships to the Girls schools, salaries for W. M. U. field workers and into the Convention fund.

One of the most interesting features of the Associational W. M. U. is the Annual Baby Show. This is to promote the saving of life as well as the saving of souls. It is well known to be a fact that the mortality rate of infants is well over 50 per cent, so each year they teach mothers how to take care of their babies and they judge them. Those who win the Associational contests take their babies to the Annual W. M. U. Convention for the final judging. This year the W. M. U. is putting stress on Christian marriage. They are trying to get mothers to insist that their daughters and sons have a government license whether they are marrying according to British law or Native custom, as it is more binding.

The W. M. U. Convention of Nigeria will meet in Lagos. We are looking forward to attending. Both our Pastor and his wife are on the program. The theme is "God is our God, and of Great Power." Psalm 147:5.

Wish you could all be here to attend.

EDITH CHANEY, R. N.

### PILGRIM'S REST CHURCH HAS STUDY COURSE

Under the direction of Bobby Barnett, Training Union director, Pilgrim's Rest Church, Panola County, has recently closed the best study course in the history of the church.

Pastor Charles Everitt taught the Juniors, "Baptist Junior Manual"; John Wagner taught the Intermediates, "Witnessing for Christ"; Rev. J. W. Oliver associational missionary, taught the Young People, "The Plan of Salvation"; and Mrs. J. G. Greenoe, field worker for the State Training Union Department, taught the Adults, "Christian Leadership."

## Hoff Accepts Call To Florence Church



REV. L. C. HOFF

Rev. L. C. Hoff, for the past four and a half years pastor of County Line Baptist Church in Copiah county, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Steens Creek at Florence. He will take up his duties as pastor there August 1.

Some of the accomplishments of the church at County Line during his pastorate there include 57 additions to the church, 36 by baptism and 21 by letter. The Sunday School has grown from an enrollment of 66 to 146. This year the first V.B.S. was held with an enrollment of 52. A Brotherhood has been organized. The Baptist Record Every Family Plan has been put into effect. The church budget has increased from \$820.03 to \$5,302.00, with gifts to outside causes increasing from \$46.03 to \$941.00. The church has grown from half-time to a full time church. During the first three and a half years of the pastorate Mr. Hoff was also pastor of Pilgrim's Rest where he led in the construction of a new church auditorium.

Mr. Hoff has led the people of County Line in the construction of a beautiful church. It was constructed debt free and is valued at \$15,000. A new brick parsonage, valued at \$10,000, has been constructed across the road from the church with the modern conveniences of a city home.

A native of Brookhaven, Mr. Hoff attended the Brookhaven High School and is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College and the New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Hoff was the former Miss Jewel Pierce, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pierce of Brookhaven. She attended Mississippi College and the New Orleans Seminary. They have one son, Donald who is three and a half years old.

Representing the Starkville Church at the Southwide Sunday School Conference Ridgecrest N. C. June 24-30, were: Dr. C. Dale Hoover, School Superintendent, and the following teachers and workers: Mrs. Grover Josey, Miss Margaret Wilson, Miss Margaret Pierce, Miss Mamie Pierce, Mrs. T. W. Winfield, Mrs. T. J. Corhern, Mrs. B. L. Buckley, Miss Lora Jean Hillman, Aubrey Skelton, Ben Frank Hilburn, Sonny Buckley, and Billy Bannister.

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"For me, with a desire to preach to win the lost, the pulpit with the Bible in the center is my preference." . . . Robert G. Lee . . . W. R. Harrell in The Sunday School Builder.

## 19 ADDITIONS AT WINONA S. E. Byler Was Evangelist

There were 19 additions 9 for Baptism, at the revival at Winona, June 13-20. The evangelistic team was composed of Rev. S. E. Byler of Okaloma, evangelist; Rev. Percy McGee of Louisville, Kentucky, song director, and William Lowrey Compere, Jr., Marimba player.

Morning services were held at 7 a. m. and were well attended. On Sunday, June 20, there was a great Sunday School attendance of 410 and the Training Union attendance goal of 100 was surpassed by 6.

Rev. Charles B. Hamlett III speaks in highest terms of the evangelistic workers.

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## Mize Has Fine VBS

The Mize Baptist church held a fine Vacation Bible School with a total of 83 enrolled, of which 71 received certificates. The commencement exercises took place at the preaching hour on Sunday following the school's close. There were two rededicated lives and five decisions. Mrs. Glenn Merrett was principal.

The following assisted her: Mesdames Wayne Jones, Durwood Carley, S. L. Palmer, W. L. Richardson, Audell Clarke and Misses Frances Palmer, Mary Lois Benson and Annie Lois Tullos.

The work at Mize goes forward in a happy way.

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## SPRING CREEK ADVANCES

On May 16, the Spring Creek Church Neshoba County, voted unanimously to go to full time at the beginning of the association year in October. Rev. Ivor Clark has been half time pastor for two years and he was enthusiastically and unanimously elected for full time. During this ministry the church has made great progress in many ways. Among which is the completion of a pastor's home and a basement under the church which doubles the Sunday School capacity.

The men of the church are cultivating a five acre cotton patch the proceeds from which are to go for a piano and a Baptistry. Monday morning, May 17, 21 men with 21 mules gathered at 6 o'clock and had the cotton plowed in 45 minutes. W. D. Cole, State Board representative, is a member of this church. Congratulations are in order for this forward step, and good wishes of the people in the state will attend this work.

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## Runnelston Has Busy Week

Runnelstown Baptist church enjoyed a busy week when a revival and a Vacation Bible School was held. Rev. Paul Z. Ball of Pearlhaven church was the guest preacher.

Attendance at school reached 71 pupils and 15 workers. The commencement was attended by a large crowd.

The following worked in the school: Mrs. Sable Rush, Mrs. Johnnie Shepherd, Mrs. Ellis Sanford, Mrs. B. F. Travis, Mrs. Mack Carter, Mrs. B. A. Hill, Mrs. W. L. Yeatman, B. F. Travis, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Dewey Campbell, Mrs. D. H. Carter and Mrs. Shepard Sanford. Pastor W. L. Yeatman served as principal of the school.

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The majority of people baptized in our churches are young. If we do not win them in these formative years of life, the chances are not very great that we will win them later. . . . J. D. Grey in The Sunday School Builder.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary --- FAUL D. BOOTHE, Asso. Secretary  
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary  
MRS. P. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary

### THE COUNTRY CHURCH

**Its Location.** The country church larger places and spaces away is well located: out where the noise and din, rush and stir of the town and city do not come. Out in the from the busy places of trade, is where the good, old country church is located. The best place in the world to grow up is in the country community, where there is a good country church. Yes, the country church is well located.

**Its Importance.** The country church is important, not only because of the work it does for Christ and his cause, but also because it reaches so many of the people. The larger families are in the country; the first church that thousands of our people know, and the only one many of them ever know, is the country church. The friendly spirit, the warm spiritual atmosphere, the appreciative feeling—all combine to make it a place of great importance to the community, and even beyond.

**Its Opportunity.** The opportunities of the country church are without measure. Thousands of our boys and girls grow up in these places, and there they first know the Lord. In the good, old revival meetings out in the country churches many are won to Christ. In those churches many take their first part in Christian service. In those churches many come to find their place of service in the work of God. So, the country church yields to none other in its glorious and golden opportunities to make a big contribution to the cause and work of our Christ.

**Its Needs.** The needs of the country church are the same as the needs of other churches. It needs good buildings, good organizations, good programs, good planning, good leadership. It has been proven in all too few cases that where a country church has the right kind of trained leadership it will do just as good, if not better, work as any church anywhere. It needs a good financial program, enlistment program, teaching program, preaching program, training program.

**Its Contributions.** The country church has given more leaders to the town and city churches than hardly seems possible. Just test it out some time by asking how many members of town and city churches came from the country churches, and the results are usually amazing. So many of the preachers, missionaries, Sunday school workers, Training Union workers, W. M. U. workers, and others came from some country church. Only eternity will reveal all the mighty and far-reaching contributions that the old country church has made to God's work of world evangelization.

**Its Future.** How bright the future is for the country church! And we thank God for it. New buildings, better plans, more money given, better trained workers, better prepared pastoral leadership, more people coming, half - and full - time churches more often, in fact many things are now so evident in the country church that are distinct marks of progress and that means a

brighter future. How glad we are of this!

**Its Problems.** Problems? Yes, the country church has its problems and temptations the same as any other church. There is the problem of transportation; the problem of indifference; of unwillingness to pay the price of success; of sin, and many others. But, with God's help and the willingness to work, study, pray, plan, we can overcome these also. It is not all easy in the country church, for the devil is as much on the job there as anywhere, but victory is possible with divine help. Many of the problems are being solved and progress is being made.

**Its Purpose.** The one and all-absorbing purpose of the country church is to do its very best for all its people in things spiritual. It will include in its program all the people of the community and try to reach even the last one for Christ, and then have all that is necessary to give to these people all they need to help them to grow "unto the measure of the fullness of Christ." Its not a little purpose the country church has, but one that is as large as the world, as it aids in all the work from that place even unto the uttermost parts of the earth. What a purpose! What a purpose!! Yes, but, alas, what a Christ to serve!

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### STARKVILLE VBS ENROLLS 267—OFFERING IS \$81.52

First Church Starkville has just closed a successful VBS during which 267 boys and girls were enrolled, highest in the history of the church. There were 28 professions of faith and the boys and girls contributed \$81.52 to the Co-operative Program during the School.

The School was under the direction of Miss Margaret Wilson, of Starkville, a student in the Southwestern Seminary during the past school year. Miss Wilson was assisted by Rev. Earl Moody, Assistant Pastor of the Starkville Church for the summer months, and a capable faculty of about 40 local workers.

A School Parade was held on Registration Day and buses provided transportation for the boys and girls to and from the School. The business establishments of Starkville provided refreshments each day and a School picnic was held at Choctaw Lake on the closing day. Commencement exercises were held in the church auditorium Sunday night following close of the School.

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### 157 Enrolled in VBS At Quitman

V. B. S. of First Church, Quitman, closed June 18, with the Commencement Exercises and handwork exhibit. The history of the church. The average attendance was 127 with an offering of \$25.

Miss Gordy Hughes, church secretary, acted as principal, assisted by a faculty of 23.

A Vacation Bible School will be held by these workers for the Negro Baptist Church of Quitman later on in the summer



## BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

CHAS. W. HORNER, Secretary  
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DAUNIE JEAN SMITH, Office Secretary



JIMMY BRELAND

Jimmy Breland, of East Central Junior College, was elected to succeed Bob Price, of Ole Miss, as State BSU Stewardship Chairman at the Woman's College Retreat. Please pray for Jimmy.

### POTPOURRI

One Miss. College student recently joined the Clinton church. . . . Frances Bibb and Sylvia Burr have both written us after they arrived in California. Frances is now in Hawaii, of course. Pray for these two as they witness to the saving power of Christ this summer. . . The new

address of Dr. J. M. Dawson, Executive Secretary of the Joint conference committee on Public Relations for Baptists, is 1628 16th street N. W., Washington 1, D. C. Dr. Dawson is doing a great work with his publication Report from the Capital, and in many other ways. . . . At Ridgecrest, Frances Barbour handed us a brand new and very attractive piece of BSU literature for business college students which can be secured in reasonable quantities by writing the Nashville office. . . . Speaking of Ridgecrest, the Student Retreat this year was again great in program and in spirit. All of us should thank God and pray for Dr. Leavell and his associates who did such a marvelous job on the Retreat. And we wish herewith to thank all the Mississippians, especially Miss Marian Leavell, of Ole Miss, who was in charge of our bus, for all you did to help make the Retreat a success—in God's estimation. Again we were made to feel how poor a Christian we have been, how poorly we have done our work during the past year; but, at the same time, we were challenged to do better, to speak the truth in love, to dare to be different for Christ, to live and work and witness and influence for Christ in and through our work as long as the Lord wants us as BSU State Secretary. Pray for us as we do for you.



## Department of Church Music

PATSY BAILEY, Office Secretary

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The following report on a recent school of music was turned in by one of our summer field workers:

The Bay Springs Baptist Church had a school of music from June 7 to 11. In addition to the classes each night, the choir met and elected officers and made plans for work on through the year. They also worked up several special numbers and quartets to use at the song service on the last night. A faithful Junior Choir met each morning and worked for about an hour on choruses, gospel songs, and part-singing.

During the week the church received its new Hammond Organ which was installed in time to be

used at the Friday night service. A good crowd attended and took part in the singing.

PATRICIA HICKS.

This week we are having three schools of music:

New Zion Church, Tylertown;  
Puckett Church, D'Lo;  
Summerland Church, Summerland;

Beginning Monday we will have schools of music in the following churches:

Princeville Church, East Tupelo;  
Nettleton Church, Nettleton;  
Improve Church, Columbia;  
Pearl Valley, Quitman;  
Lena, Lena;

### TUTWILER IN VBS

The Tutwiler Baptist church held a fine Vacation Bible School with enrolment of 56. The faculty was made up of: Rev. F. O. Martin, Mrs. Herbert Everett, Miss Nell Black, Miss Coleen Moore, Miss Jane Sessums, Miss Mary Margaret Walls, Miss Mary Ruth Gust, Mrs. Robert Smith, Mrs. James Martindale, Mrs. Lewis Kellum, Miss Shirley Dean Everett, Mrs. W. S. Smith, Mrs. R. M. Weatherall, Mrs. F. O. Martin and Miss Lillian Smith.

The ladies of the W. M. S. provided refreshments for the school each day.

### CROOKED CREEK TO BUILD Phillips Has Served 25 Years

By unanimous vote, Crooked Creek Church, Lawrence County, has voted to build a Sunday School annex.

The members pledged the timber and work and plan to build this summer.

Crooked Creek is one of our better country churches with a good Sunday School, Training Union, WMU, and Sunbeam band.

Rev. B. E. Phillips, pastor, has served this church for more than 25 years



## Philadelphia Calls Dr. Norris Q. Geer



DR. NORRIS Q. GEER

Dr. Norris Quay Geer, pastor of First Church, Robstown, Texas, has accepted the call to First Church, Philadelphia and will arrive on July 18 to assume his duties.

Dr. Geer succeeds Dr. Walter L. Johnson, now pastor of First Church, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Dr. Geer is a native of Pennsylvania, but for the past 20 years has been preaching within the Southern Baptist Convention, most of his pastorates being in Texas. He is a former chaplain of the U. S. Army, having served in that capacity for 4 years. For some time he was assigned to Camp Shelby before leaving for many months' service aboard a combat ship in the Pacific.

Mrs. Geer is a native of Oklahoma. Dr. and Mrs. Geer, with three daughters and a son, will arrive in time for the first service on July 18.

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### WALTER B. ALLEN

W. B. Allen, age 76, passed on to his reward Feb. 25, 1948. He was born in the Goodwater community, Lauderdale Co. where he spent his life in serving the people of his community or where ever needed. There was never a day or night too cold or rainy for him to go to the rescue of those needing him. Many a night after a hard days work his rest was disturbed by some one seeking his help or advice.

For 35 years he served as Supt. of Goodwater Baptist S. S. and a deacon in the church. His service was unlimited. Each Sunday morning he walked one mile to the church to open the doors and have a warm welcome to all who came to God's house, never a stranger entered the doors that failed to get a warm handshake from him and an invitation to come again.

For the past two years he realized his health was failing and set his heart on a steel fence for the cemetery. He worked tirelessly on getting up contributions from the membership of Goodwater church and those who have loved ones buried there. Just ten months after it was completed he was laid to rest within its walls.

Not only will he be missed by his family but by those who knew him regardless of race or creed.

He was preceded to the grave by three daughters, Mrs. T. H. Tiddle, Vera and Garnet Allen and survived by his wife Mrs. Mattie Lee Allen, six daughters Mrs. V. L. McDill and Mrs. J. M. Massey of Forest Mrs. J. T. Shelby and Mrs. C. C. Curry of Meridian, Miss Olive Allen, Port Gibson, Miss., and Mrs. C. A. Blakeley, Cleminton, N. J., and one brother P. B. Allen of Meehan.

His family

by Mrs. J. T. Shelby

## Tupelo First Has Outstanding VBS

The Vacation Bible School of the First Baptist church was the largest and best in its history, with 274 enrolled, and an average attendance of 233. The mission offering \$65.28, is being sent to Indian Missions of Mississippi.

The workers were: Mrs. Edgar Evans, Mrs. G. A. London, Mrs. Van Riley, Mrs. John Smith, Miss Betty Jo Reaves and Dr. H. R. Holcomb. Visual aids and flannel-graphs were used throughout the school.

Three have made public confessions of faith. So interested were the boys and girls in this school that neighborhood schools are springing up. One primary age girl, Martha Lynn Means, brought \$1.79 to the church office to be sent to Indian Missions which her "front porch" Bible School had given. She says, "I'm teaching them the lessons we had. We go on our bicycles for the little ones."

## Mission Bus Funds Needed

The mission bus of the Ministerial Association of Mississippi College will soon be only a memory unless those ministerial students, already burdened by two outlays from one income, family and school, can raise approximately \$3000 by the time the bus now being used collapses completely. The bus is not so old as one ordinarily thinks of "old," but many things have contributed to its decreased life expectancy: constant use, overloading due to the need for covering several mission points with one trip, the need for driving over rough roads, and other causes too numerous to mention.

Loss of the mission bus would be serious. It would mean decreased opportunities of service for Mississippi College students. I would mean fewer souls added to the Kingdom of Christ, (over 100 persons were won to Christ last year through the efforts of the Volunteer Mission Band, the principle user of the bus). It would cause an increasing apathy toward lost souls by all who are concerned with the bus.

## WEST SALEM HAS MEET

The West Salem church in Greene county enjoyed a good revival with Rev. Clyde Gorden of Picayune as guest preacher. Those attending described the messages as soul stirring. There were two professions of faith and many rededicated their lives.

This church has recently redecored the interior of the building, plastering the walls and installing wiring for electric lights in the near future.

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Rev. Tracy Barnett will serve during the summer as assistant pastor of Highland Church, Meridian. Rev. E. L. Byrd is pastor. Mr. Barnett is a native Mississippian, a graduate of Mississippi College, and has had one year at the Southern Seminary in Louisville.

Surely this is a worthy appeal. If you are interested in lost souls and in the efforts of these students, make a contribution to this cause. Send it to: Mission Bus Chairman, Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.)

## A Special Message to Ministers' Wives

By Pastor Joe T. Odle, First Baptist Church, Gulfport,  
Mississippi Member of Relief and Annuity Board

The Widow's Supplemental Annuity Plan has been planned especially for you.

It provides an income for you in the event that your husband should die before retirement age.

It is available to every minister who is in the Minister's Retirement Plan.

The cost is very low (1½% of the salary) and the return is much larger than a similar amount in insurance would provide.

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### NEW OFFICERS FOR

#### DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

As this is written, Saturday June 19, ten of our District Conventions for this year are history. The meetings have all been good, in one or two instances the attendance was off a bit but the participation good, and signs of progress show up in the matter of leadership and efficiency. We give here the list of officers elected for these ten conventions with time and place of the 1949 meeting:

District 5, meeting will be in Holly Springs, June 7, President G. M. Crawford, Holly Springs, vice president H. B. Leavell, Ccru; secretary, Miss Margaret Hill, Blue Mountain.

District 6, First Tupelo, June 8; president, John B. Laney, Booneville; vice president, B. G. Ray, Rienzi; secretary, Mrs. Norris Caldwell, Tupelo.

District 7, Aberdeen June 9; president Sam Wilder, Columbus; Vice President, Fred Howard, Calhoun City; secretary, Mrs. Enoch Miller West Point.

District 8, Louisville June 10, president, Joe Abrams Shuqualak; vice president, Bill Watson, Louisville; secretary, Mrs. G. W. Johnson, Starkville.

District 11, Quitman, June 13; President G. L. Palmer, Decatur; vice president, W. M. Gilbert, Heidelberg; secretary, Margaret Cassles, Meridian.

District 12, Leaksville June 14, President Virgil Humphrey, Laurel; vice president, J. B. Stewart, Lucedale; secretary, Lucille Walker, Waynesboro.

District 13 Wiggins, June 15, president, R. E. Anderson, Long Beach; vice president, Tom Parker, Picayune; Secretary Jeanne Bounds Hattiesburg.

District 14, Salem, Covington Co. June 16; president, James Fairchild Jr. Collins; vice president, F. G. Wilborn, Oloh; secretary, Mrs. Myrtis Butler, Montecello.

District 15, East McComb, June 17, president, A. W. Talbert, Jackson; vice president, A. A. Ward, Centerville; secretary, Mrs. Ray Andrews, McComb.

District 1, Bowmar Ave. Vicksburg, June 21, president, John Jenkins, Jackson; vice president, Ralph Adams, Vicksburg; secretary, Wilene Weatherall Van Winkle.

In next weeks Record we will list the information about the other five conventions, and we will give the name of those who will represent their district in our State Convention program December 28th.

#### ANSWER THIS ONE

In our district conventions we have had as a thirty minute feature an "Answer This One" period. Three Juniors, three Intermediates, three young people and three adults have helped in each convention. Below are the questions asked them. Ask them to yourself and see how near perfect your score will be. These are simple questions that every Baptist should be able to answer. Try them, and others in your union from time to time.

Juniors: 1. How does one become a Christian? 2. Quote John 3:16, 3.

What can we do to win souls to Jesus? 4. How, and by whom was Jesus baptized? 5. Why should every Christian join a church? 6. did while on earth in the flesh? 7. How did a little boy help Jesus one day? 8. What can a Junior do to help in his church work? 9. What is the least part of a persons income should he put in the Lords work?

Intermediates: 1. What is a missionary? 2. Quote a verse that justified our denominational missionary program. 3. What is the difference in Home and Foreign Missions? 4. Who was the first modern missionary? 5. Who was the first to go as a foreign missionary from America? 6. Give the name of one home, and one foreign missionary. 7. If one does not feel called to go as a missionary what can he do to help those who do go? 8. What are some things an intermediate can do to promote the cause of Christ in his home community and county? 9. How does the intermediate union help its members?

#### 99 NEW UNIONS FOR MAY!!

When a state can announce that 99 unions were organized in one month that is news. Well we are happy to report that for Mississippi for May. These 99 unions were set up in twenty two churches, and in all but four the fully graded Training Union was set up, Story Hour Through Adult. It is true that a church is a better church if they are working at the task of training and using their members.

2,532 study course awards were issued in May. These went into 38 different associations, more than half in the state. Hinds led with 370, Pike came second with 339. Covington is third with 204, Bolivar fourth with 130, and Jackson fifth with 129.

### Sardis Church Has Fine "Victory Day"

The Sardis church in Smith county recently observed "Victory Day" when the members brought to a climax the two weeks' drive for \$2800 to clear the debt on their beautiful brick church. People walked down to the front and placed their gifts until more than the needed amount was there.

Sardis is a quarter time church, pastored for 38 years by Rev. Dan Moulder, until his resignation. The pastor is now Rev. Richard J. Sweetman of Clarke College. The church recently adopted a budget and will make monthly contributions to all the work of the Lord through the cooperative program. Members believe the gifts of this church will increase greatly. . . . Another step forward is the addition of extra preaching services on each fifth Sunday week end. Sunday school superintendent Vardaman Burns is planning new classes and enlargement of the work. A Training Union has been organized under the direction of Mrs. Alonzo Jones. All Sardis members are grateful to God for these victories and look to Him for a good year in winning souls and building the saints in the faith.

## Clarke Building Group



### FINAL PLANS SET TO START CLARKE BUILDING

Above are shown the Clarke College building committee and faculty representatives at a meeting in the office of the firm of Pearson-Walker, Designing and Engineering Architects of Laurel as they received final plans for the first building of the Clarke College enlargement movement. Great rejoicing was felt on every hand as this significant step was taken. Reading left to right T. L. Everett, Louie Farmer, Jr., Dr. E. I. Farr, W. B. Pearson, L. O. Walker and Horace Headrick. The latter is chairman of the building committee.

### Home Coming Set At Hepzibah Church

The Hepzibah church Jeff Davis association will hold its home coming services on July 4. Special music will be enjoyed at both morning and evening hours. A history of the church will be given. Rev. Joe Hudson of Bassfield will preach at both services.

This day launches the revival which will run through the week with Mr. Hudson preaching. A special offering for the building fund will be made on July 4. All former members and friends are invited. Rev. G. T. Dukes is pastor.

### Hinds Young People To Meet July 8 At Orphanage

The Hinds Young People's W.M.U. Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, July 8, at the Baptist Orphanage 10:30 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. The program will feature Miss Wilma Week from China as Missionary Speaker.

A pantomime, "Presenting the W. M. U. Magazine Family", sing-spiration and other numbers will in-bring sandwiches and cookies. The hostess, Mrs. W. G. Mize, has invited each one present for a swim after the meeting and those too small may play in the waiting room.

### Canton First Has 22 Professions At VBS

The Vacation Bible School at Canton, First Baptist, had 22 professions of faith, and an average attendance of 140. Dr. J. W. Landrum, pastor, actively served as pastor of the school and told the character story each day, and assisted in the handwork. Mrs. Floyd Johnson was principal. Many other able helpers contributed to the outstanding success of this fine school.

Assisting in the school were: Mrs. Otho Goolsby, Mrs. E. E. Gurley, Mrs. Mynor Gamble, Mrs. Ed Penn, Miss Mary Elizabeth Montgomery, Mrs. W. W. Woodruff, Mrs. C. J. Logan, Mrs. Lillian Lee, Mrs. Clifford Bell, Mrs. Ray Thompson, Mrs. John Haley, Miss Maxie King, Mrs. J. W. Landrum, Miss Betty Jane Hammett, Mrs. James Fox, Mrs. Norma Chambers, Mrs. C. O. Young, Mrs. M. S. Hill, Mrs. Milton How-

The Schedule A of the Clarke College campaign is causing much interest among the Mississippi Baptists concerned with the progress of the enlargement of this school. Under Schedule A, if each member of the Advisory Committee and Board of Trustees would secure one person or one church out of their whole association, mind you, giving \$400 two persons or churches out of their association each giving \$240; three persons out of their whole association giving \$120; ten persons out of their own church giving \$40 each, and an average of ten persons to a church in the association each giving \$4, then the success of this campaign would be assured.

Schedule B concerns memorials as follows:

- \$50,000 Administration Building.
- \$50,000 Dormitory for Girls.
- \$30,000 Student Activities Bldg.
- \$10,000 Auditorium.
- \$5,000 Hallway, wing, or section.
- \$2,500 Classroom.
- \$2,500 Dormitory 5-room suite.
- \$1,000 Business Office or parlor.
- \$500 Dormitory room.

The name of the person memorialized will be properly inscribed.

Schedule C calls for contributions in any amount. This year on September 6, Clarke College's 40th birthday will be observed. The Schedule A is based on units of "40" in honor of this event.

### Poplarville Enrolls 120 In VBS

The VBS of the First Church, Poplarville enrolled 120 pupils and the average attendance was 99. There were 14 professions of faith.

Dr. F. Judson Chastain, pastor, baptized eight on June 20 with others awaiting baptism.

The VBS faculty assisted in a Bible school in a negro church last week.



## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By Bracey Campbell  
Lesson for July 4

**I. A Fatal Friendship.** (I Kings 22: 1-4). The King of Judah, Jehoshaphat, went to Samaria to visit Ahab, the King of Israel, for there was peace between them. It may have been the fact of Jehoshaphat's presence as his house-guest that set Ahab's head a-buzzing with plans to astonish, delight and mystify his courtiers as well as his guest by a show of his prowess in the recapture of one of his cities, Ramoth in Gilead, which for years now had been held by the king of Syria.

Now Ahab probably would ordinarily been more nearly, if not quite insistent, that earnest effort be made to recapture Ramoth in Gilead, but he had now all the added incentive of a desire to show himself a mighty man in the presence of his friend Jehoshaphat and thereby to cement more strongly the new-made friendship between his kingdom and that of Judah. All of which may have been well under ordinary conditions, but the conditions were not ordinary.

**II. Ahab Seeks Advice.** This step was taken by Ahab at the insistence of Jehoshaphat. And it is well to mark the fact that Ahab sought the sort of advice he wanted. We all do that. Said a husband to his wife, "I'll never ask your dad for advice again as long as I live". "Why?" "He never gives me the kind I want". Ahab well knew that his flattering prophets would advise him to do just what he wanted to do. So he called the whole four hundred of them and asked them whether he should go up to the attack upon Ramoth-Gilead and they answered him in accord with his wish, "Go up; for the Lord will deliver it into the hand of the king". One of their number, Zedekiah, made use of a symbolic act to assure the heart of the king, Zedekiah forged a pair of iron horns, flourished them before the king, saying, "Thus saith Jehovah, 'With these shalt thou push the Syrians until they be consumed'".

**III. A Discordant Note in the Pre-Battle Poen of Victory.** There was a prophet named Micalah who, apparently, did not belong to the popular party at court, because he had the habit of bluntly speaking the truth. After the four hundred had given the king assurance that he would be able easily to defeat the Syrians in the contest for Ramoth-Gilead, Jehoshaphat was not satisfied. There must have been something in the whole proceedings which did not ring quite true to him, so he asked Ahab whether there were not another prophet who might be consulted. Ahab made answer that there was one other, but that he was a prophet of evil who never had yet a pleasant word for the king, that he never foretold good fortune nor brought it to pass. But at the insistence of Jehoshaphat, Ahab sent for the prophet, Micalah, by an officer who besought the prophet to speak as the other prophets had and assure the king of victory, to which the stern prophet answered that he would speak as Jehovah command-

ed him. Having thus delivered himself he came before the two kings and Ahab," said unto him, "Micalah, shall we go to Ramoth-Gilead to battle or shall we forbear".

Giving an exaggerated imitation of the four hundred in their flattering fawnings before the king, he said "Go up and prosper; and Jehovah will deliver it into the hand of the king." Ahab saw that Micalah was to tell the truth, when Micalah told him of two visions that had come to him, one of all Israel scattered as sheep having lost their shepherd. This was a prophecy of the death of the king. The second was of Jehovah inquiring from his throne for someone to entice Ahab to go up to Ramoth-Gilead that he might be slain there, and found one who promised to become a lying spirit in the mouths of Ahab's prophets, and the one so promising was sent from Jehovah. Thus Micalah spoke the truth when such speech was unpopular at court and got himself committed to jail. Many a time and over have men suffered for their loyalty to the truth!

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**IV. The Bitter End of an Evil Life.** Poor Ahab! One can but pity a man who had a chance to work a great work for Jehovah and threw that chance away as a careless child might cast away a worthless bauble. All the more the pity that Ahab was in a great position and could have served his day and generation with such excellent effectiveness. But instead of that he sold himself to do evil in the sight of the God of his fathers and became the leader of a nation in its walk away from God. So he piled iniquity upon iniquity, evil upon evil, sin upon sin till the revolting pile of it reached the limit of the patience of God. Then came the fall of the evil builder, all in one day! Was it even so, or did not the fall consist of a down-

## Louisville Pastorium Completed and Dedicated



The new Pastorium of the First Baptist Church, Louisville, is now completed, and was dedicated in an impressive service, Sunday morning, June 6th.

The new home contains nine rooms, and is modern in every respect. The old pastorium will be converted into temporary educational space until a new educational building can be erected.

Miss Carolyn Madison of the Sunday School Department was with the Church the week of June 13th to help in setting up some new departments for the Sunday School. Every phase of the work is moving forward under the leadership of Pastor W. L. Day.

### Pelahatchie Church Has VBS

The Pelahatchie Baptist Church, Rev. G. W. Smith, Pastor, closed a most successful two-weeks VBS with a commencement program, Friday evening June 11th. 67 boys and girls with their leaders rendered an inspirational program. Each department had a good showing of handcraft on exhibit.

The last morning at the Consecration hour, 14 Juniors professed Christ as Saviour. Mrs. G. W. Smith was principal of the school and was ably assisted by 19 faculty members. Refreshments were served each day and the last day the school went to the Rankin County Lake for a picnic lunch.

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Nine Blue Mountain College girls are serving on the staff at Ridgecrest for the summer months. They are: Ann McCord, Tupelo; Natalie Cockcroft, Memphis, Tenn.; Carolyn McCord, Tupelo; Helen Bolt, Laurens, S. C.; Rosalind Owens, Clanton, Ala.; Evelyn Hill, Luxors, Ark.; Bess Ann Smith, Blue Mountain; Wilene Coker, Blue Springs; and Carolyn Baker, Western State Hospital, Tenn.

ward slope upon which he might have paused at any step and retraced his downward progress to the peak again of his initial opportunity? The answer is in the keeping of God.

There is no man or woman who is not set by the hand of the Lord in a position of opportunity. And remember this: Any opportunity to do good anywhere and anytime is a great opportunity. Do not hide behind the excuse that you are set in a little place and, therefore, can not be expected to do a great thing for God. There is no little place in God's great workshop. The mother at home with a boy to grow into a man of God, the same mother in a home however humble, with a little girl to grow into a mother is Israel, how great the opportunity of that mother! And you sigh for a big place! Come! make your place big by greatly acting for God.

### Christian Broadcasting To Be Featured At Ridgecrest Radio Meeting

Atlanta, Ga. — Broadcasting Christian music and the Christian message will be two feature emphases of the Radio Conference at Ridgecrest, August 19 - 25. "Special effort will be made to lead pastors and other church leaders into a practical knowledge and use of radio as a medium of spreading the Gospel," according to S. F. Lowe, Atlanta, Director of the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, sponsors of the conference.

Added features of this week of radio conferences will be an address Saturday August 21 by J. N. (Bill) Bailey, Executive Secretary of the FM Association of America; and on Sunday August 22 addresses by George E. Sterling, member of the Federal Communications Commission, and J. Leonard Reinsch, radio adviser to the President.

A large number of pastors and other church leaders are expected to attend, and all persons interested in the broadcasting of the Christian message and music are invited.

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MRS. R. L. VARNER

In memory of our dear Sister, Effie Huff Varner, God took her home December 27, 1947.

Sister, thou wast mild and lovely,  
Gentle as the summer breeze;  
Pleasant as the air of evening,  
When it flows among the trees.

Peaceful be thy silent slumber,  
Peaceful in the grave so low;  
Thou no more wilt join our numl.,  
Thou no more our songs shall know.

Dearest Sister, thou hast left us,  
Here thy loss we deeply feel;  
But 'tis God that has bereft us,  
He can all our sorrows heal.

Yet again we hope to meet thee,  
When the day of life is fled;  
Then in Heaven with joy to greet thee,  
Where no farwell tear is shed.

—MRS. O. H. WINSTEAD



## Sparks & Splinters

Rev. George E. Reynolds whose address is Harrodsburg, Ky., would like to locate in Mississippi. He prefers a pastorate near a Baptist College in order to complete his college work. He is 35; married; no children; has been in the Ministry for 15 years, his wife plays the piano and has had experience as a school teacher.

Calvary Church, five miles Southeast of Vicksburg, Mississippi, will have a one week's revival beginning July 11. The evangelist will be Rev. E. R. Pinson of the Faculty of Clarke College. Mr. Pinson helped to organize the Church in 1936, and was its first pastor.

Dr. Harry A. Ironside has resigned as pastor of the Moody Memorial Church.

Roman Catholics are planning to spend ten billion dollars in a building program in the United States within the next 10 years, according to a recent survey. The major portion will be spent for schools and hospitals. There are 1,534 definite projects planned.

During the first six months of 1948, the First Baptist Church of Dallas has given \$89,085.40 to missions. W. A. Criswell is the pastor.

W. F. Powell, Nashville, was selected president of the Sunday School Board this week. Allen West, Nashville, was elected recording secretary. T. L. Holcomb was reelected executive secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Charles Watson Burtis is the new president of Shorter College in Georgia.

Dr. Sparks W. Melton of Norfolk, Virginia, and Pastor of the Freemason Street Baptist Church preaches on Columbia's Church of the Air Sunday morning, July 18, 10 to 8:30. His subject is "A Godless Age."

Shuqualak: Our most successful Vacation Bible School was held here the week of June 14-18. There were 92 enrolled, with an average attendance of 80. Preparation Day and a picnic were held the Friday previous to the School, and the commencement service was held the last Friday night. There were seven professions of faith the last service of the School. — Joe Abrames, Pastor.

Shuqualak: As a result of a steady but continuous campaign in this church for Christian literature, 26 new subscriptions have been secured for our denominational publications, including Home Missions, The Commission, Home Life and Royal Service. The church already has the Every-Family Plan for the Record. — Joe Abrams, Pastor.

Rev. James B. Carpenter, Mississippi College student and pastor of Smyrna Church in Copiah County, has moved on the field for the summer. Since December, there have been twenty baptisms and three now await baptism, 10 have joined by letter, the Sunday School and Training Union continues to grow and plans are being made to build more Sunday School rooms.

Miss Anna Woodruff, clerk of Courtland Church, recently sent four names to be added to their Baptist Record Every Family list.

The Baptist Record is grateful to Rev. O. C. Chance for a list of new and renewal subscriptions from New Zion Church, Walthall County.

Glen Oglesby has just returned to the Orphanage after having served as counselor on the Y. M. C. A. Camp at Camp Pettie Jean, near Little Rock, Arkansas.

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Recent visitors in the office of the Baptist Record are listed as follows: Dr. Edgar Hallock, Rio de Janeiro; Rev. Montie A. Davis, Brandon; Miss Katherine Davis, Brandon; Rev. C. E. Hamlett, III, Winona; Dr. Judson Chastain, Poplarville; Raymond Phillips, Poplarville; Sonny White, Poplarville; Buddy Dollahite, Poplarville; James Connie Smith, Poplarville; Rev. G. T. Dukes, Silver Creek; Rev. Guy A. Little, Columbia; Rev. M. Glenn Smith, McComb; T. L. Robertson, Myrtle; Rev. D. L. Stennis, Meridian; Betty Houston, Jackson; Rev. Barney E. Padgett, Mt. Olive; Rev. Kenneth G. Hall, Philadelphia; Rev. B. L. McKee, Gallman; Harry Smallwood, Laurel; Jake Herbert, Orange; Texas; Vernard Utley, Monroe, La.; Rev. Stafford Herbert, Bogalusa, La.; Rev. Charlie Webb, Bogalusa, La.

Miss Mary Ruth Johnson, of Knoxville, Tennessee, recent graduate of Blue Mountain College has assumed her duties as Secretary of the First Baptist Church, Starkville, beginning July 1st.

New Hebron Baptist Church had their Vacation Bible School June 21-26. The following young ladies were the workers: Misses Ann Bush, Francis Shivers, Peggie Newsom, Irma Jewel Phillips, Bettie Ruth Hartzog and June Fortenberry. Each of them did good work. Sixty youngsters attended the school. It was a good school.

The following Blue Mountain girls attended Baptist Student Union week at Ridgecrest: Bonnie Gene Boland, Calhoun City; Kathryn Jewell, Meridian; Jean Yates, Houston, Tex.; Joan Prosser, Birmingham, Ala.; Jean Sproles, Delhi, La.; Charla Walters, Laurel; Blanche Ellen Darr, Clinton, S. C.; Miriam Preston, Nashville, Tenn.; and Jean Stinson, Old Hickory, Tenn.

Rev. Earl Moody of Louisville, Mississippi, a student in the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville Ky., during the past year, is winning a large place in the hearts of the members of the First Baptist Church Starkville in his capacity as Assistant Pastor during the summer.

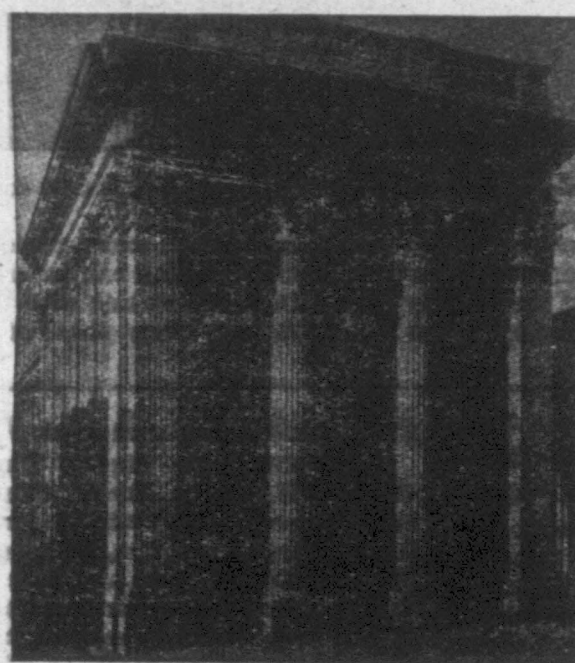
Good people have often said to me that government is so rotten they have no desire to have anything to do with it. But how will government ever get better unless better people run it? No organization, government included, can be any better than those who administer it. . . . Maxie C. Collins in The Baptist Student

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## BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

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### JEFF DAVIS ORGANIZES

Jeff Davis County Baptist men met at Prentiss on Tuesday evening, June 15, and set up an associational Brotherhood organization. This is the eighteenth such organization that we have now. The meeting was well attended and the spirit of the brethren was marvelous. Dr. W. L. Sewell, pastor of Prentiss Church, and his men served as hosts for the meeting and did a really good job.

The following officers were elected to serve the association: J. A. Johnston, president; Breland Parrish, program vice-president; Lavone Hathorn, attendance vice-president; H. E. Hudson, promotion vice-president; Paul Farr, chorister. The Advisory Council is composed of Dr. W. L. Sewell, pastor, Prentiss Baptist Church; Rev. Joe Hudson, pastor, Bassfield Baptist Church; and Rev. Marcus Alexander, pastor Phalti Baptist Church.

The next meeting of the association will be at the Bassfield Baptist Church, Rev. Joe Hudson, pastor, on Tuesday evening, September 28.

Jeff Davis County now has four local Brotherhoods. They are: Victory, Rev. F. H. Rogers, Pastor Prentiss, Dr. W. L. Sewell, pastor; Bassfield, Rev. Joe Hudson, pastor; Phalti, Rev. Marcus Alexander, pas-

tor.

### ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD ATTENDANCE STILL GOOD

The attendance of the associational Brotherhood meetings this month continues to be good. The following associations have met with the number of men who attended reported: Pearl River, 60; Hinds-Warren, 119; Simpson, 126; Pike, 66; Leflore, 67; Jeff Davis, 54.

### STATE STEWARDSHIP RALLY CANCELED

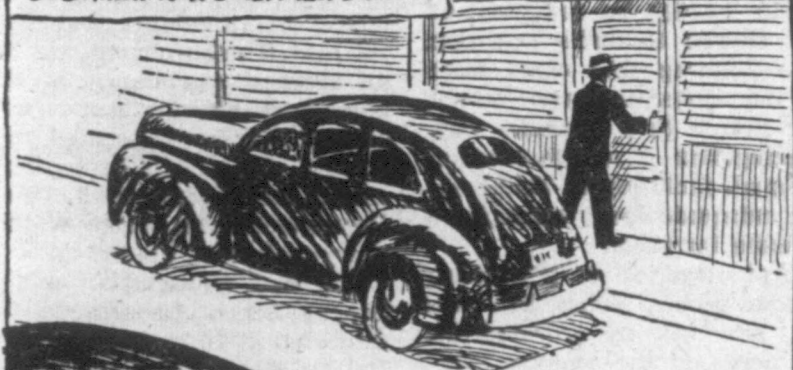
The statewide Stewardship Rally originally planned for September 6 at Fifteenth Avenue Church, Meridian, has been canceled. Dr. McCall and the Stewardship Committee had asked the Brotherhood to co-operate and have charge of the evening service, and of course, all concerned happily agreed to do so, but because of this being Labor Day and a conflict with the Clarke College opening, it was decided best to cancel the plans. Dr. McCall has expressed his appreciation to Dr. M. L. Flynt, Jr., president of District Six, and Elgy H. Yarbrough, president of the Lauderdale Brotherhood Association, and the Brotherhood Secretary for offering to assist in any way, and of course, we stand ready to work with him or anyone else at anytime.

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## Youth Revival Volunteer



Robert Price, Ole Miss, has volunteered for the Youth Revival Crusade in Mississippi this summer. Teams may be secured by writing the State BSU Dept.

## ARKABUTLA HAS FINE VBS

The Vacation Bible School enrolled 61 and had 34 with perfect attendance. The sessions were held at the Baptist church with the Methodists joining in a unified effort.

Mrs. R. H. Moore was principal and the following assisted her: Mrs. J. L. Vinson, Miss Mildred Jean Massey, Mrs. W. A. May, Mrs. Johnnie Gardner, Rev. Paul Russell, Mrs. Alma Chambliss, Mrs. Clarence Patrick, Mrs. Hubert Siquefield, Mrs. Johnny Doherty, Mrs. U. L. Fulmer, Mrs. Ira Perryman, Mrs. Stanley Presley, Mrs. H. B. House, Mrs. Christine Pope, Mrs. George Massey, Mrs. W. M. Dalehite and Miss Betty Presley.

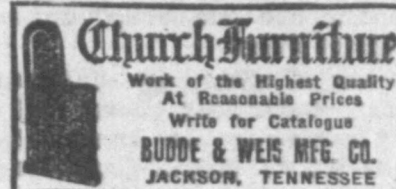
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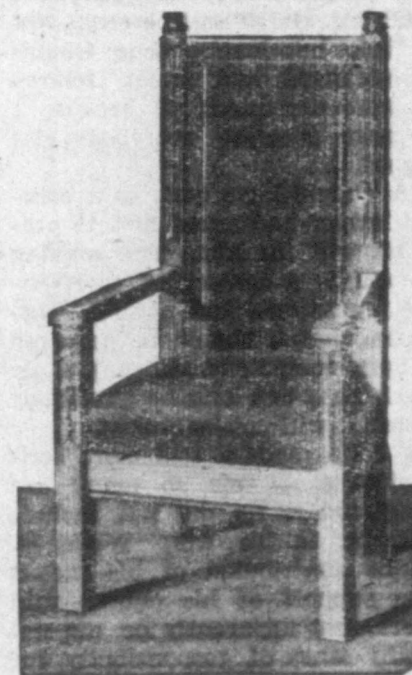
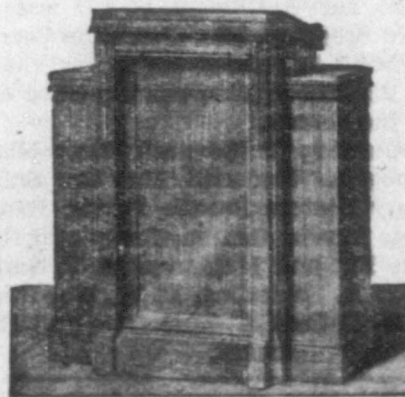
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## A Wasted Will

By B. C. LAND, Executive Secretary  
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John Owents (name fictitious, case real) was a good man; a devout Christian and a faithful church member. He attended its services regularly and supported its program with his means. He was greatly beloved and highly respected in his community where he spent the greater portion of his life. When he died, a pall fell over the town. "A good man has gone from our community" was on the lips of many.

He was a fairly successful businessman. Industrious, thrifty, and a good manager he accumulated quite a bit of property and some money. That he made his money honestly nobody ever doubted.

But it is not enough to know how to make money; one needs also to know how to spend it. In this he erred more than in making it. For some reason, he put off until late in life the important matter of making his will. This is so common and not infrequently very serious. Many have the idea that the making of a will is a matter only for the very aged. Apparently John had this idea. What a mistake! Everybody twenty-one and over having property should make a will and preserve it in some place for safe keeping.

But the story does not end here. Honest and up-right himself, John assumed that everybody else was. So, instead of going to an attorney and having him carefully prepare his will, he made it verbally to a friend. He disposed of his property according to his desire and judgment endeavoring to do the right thing by everybody. It seems never to have occurred to him that anyone would question it. But alas! alas he was mistaken! Covetous, grasping and greedy people rushed in, contested it, and tore it to smithereens. Not only that, but long-time friends were estranged and sweet fellowships were disrupted; all because a good man thought everybody else was good.

John should have gone to a competent lawyer and asked him to prepare his will for him. The making of a will is a matter of such supreme importance and powerful significance that it should be prepared only by a competent attorney. Only in such case can one be absolutely sure that it will not be broken.

But John made a still more serious mistake — one so many are making today. He did not include his Master in his will. While he lived, he contributed of his means to the support of his church and its work, but apparently he did not feel any sense of responsibility for it beyond the grave. Stewardship, contrary to almost universal opinion, does not end at death. It begins when the steward receives from his Master his possessions, and it continues uninterrupted and unaffected by death.

Would to God that John had realized this! Had he known it he probably would have remembered one or more of our denominational institutions in his will. In so doing, he would be living still on the earth through his money and property.

Laying up treasures in heaven is simply a matter of exchange. If John had made this exchange, he

## First Church, Vicksburg, Dedicates New Building



### "ONE THING IS NEEDFUL"

By Rev. Edward L. Byrd,  
Pastor Highland Church, Meridian

Two years ago it was my happy privilege to be in a meeting with the Davis Memorial Baptist Church in Jackson. For ten days I was entertained on the campus of our Baptist Orphanage. In addition to enjoying the cordial hospitality of the various homes of the church, it was a joy to occupy one of the guest rooms at the orphanage, and to have some meals with the children. I came away deeply impressed with the fine behavior of the children, the efficiency of the administration, and with the greatness of the institution in general.

However, I have a lingering impression of another feature of the lives of our precious children in our Orphanage. These children worship with the Davis Memorial Baptist Church. They came faithfully in a body with their leaders to every

service of the meeting. Many of them took their public stand for the Lord, and asked for membership in the church. I was told that, in the main, these children had to carry on the organizational activities of the church on the Orphanage Campus simply because the local church did not have adequate facilities to assume the responsibility of their care.

The Davis Memorial Church is doing the best it can to minister to the spiritual needs of this host of children, but they would over-run the lower departments of any of our churches that had not been built with his group especially provided for. Now, the church life of these children ought to be cared for within the church as such.

It could hardly be expected of this one church to make provision for these children who come from all over our state, and who cannot help the church in a financial way. The congregation is not in position to erect such facilities as would afford an adequate and complete church home for them.

Our Orphanage is a "favorite" with all our people. Money has been provided, and will be provided for all their needs on the campus. However, "one thing is needful." Let all who love the Lord, and who love these, His children, rise up to the opportunity of helping with this situation as we are able so to do. Offerings can be sent to Dr. McCal's office, and designated for the Building Fund, or they can be sent direct to the Rev. A. S. Johnston, Church, and designated for the building program.

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First Baptist, Starkville, will conduct a Youth Revival July 11 - 18 with the following youth leaders directing the program: Maurice Clayton - Mississippi College; John Norris DeFoore - Southern Seminary; Glenn Merrill - Mississippi College; Sybil Deweese - Southwestern Seminary; Geneva Davis - Mississippi College.

### County Line Has VBS

The Vacation Bible School at County Line church reached a climax when twelve professions of faith and many dedications of life were announced by Pastor J. H. Cothan who led the service. The enrollment of 117 was record breaking. Miss Geraldine Parrish of MWC in Hattiesburg was in charge of the school. This was the third VBS in the church.

Assisting in the work were: Misses Emogene Woodward, Mae Ora Smith, Mary Hinton, Rosalie Purvis, Winnie Jane Purvis, Geneva Shows and Nina Rae Nix and Mesdames G. V. Smith, Mary A. Easterling, B. W. Woodward, J. H. Cothan, T. M. Purvis and Herman Montgomery.

would still be living. But it is too late now. He failed because he did not know. But is it not too late for you? Nor can you say if you fall that you did not know. Make your will today and incorporate in it one of our denominational agencies or institutions.

Youth Week is in progress this week in the First Baptist Church of Vicksburg with special features geared to the interests of the Intermediates and Young People of the church. Beginning each evening with a song service, the ensuing activities include a meditation period, supper, Bible Study, A Forum on the Interracial Problem, and classes in Dramatics, Arts, Journalism, and Orchestra. The objective of the program is not only to inform and instruct, but to formulate groups of activities which shall contribute service throughout the summer. The Young People will help in the morning service on July 4 and a Commencement Program will be held during the Sunday Evening service. Miss Jane Woods is in charge.

The Daily Vacation Bible School which closed here last week was the largest in attendance and enrollment yet held. The enrollment was 205 with an average attendance of 181. The missionary offering amounted to \$130.76 and was presented to W. G. Mize of the Baptist Orphanage to be used in the building fund of the Davis Memorial Church. Woody Watkins was the principal of the school.

The new educational unit of the Sunday School Department formally dedicated at 10:30 A. M. June 27 with Dr. D. Swan Haworth, pastor, and the various officers of the Sunday School participating. The Sunday School adjourned early in order that they might all be in attendance at the ceremony. Cliff Elkins is the Superintendent of the Young Adult Department which will use the new building. Also there are two classrooms for the Nursery Department. Open House was held during the afternoon to which the public was invited.

The Men's Fellowship Club held a most enjoyable outdoor session at the Reunion Grounds of the National Park on June 22. There were forty men present, and following softball and other activities, a delightful fish supper was served. T. L. Turner is the president of the club.